continuous activity of oil companies. Inspections are carried out at retail outlets by Oil Companies as per schedule given below:—

Sales Officer	:	Once in 3 months
Officers of Grade "C" and above	:	Once in 6 months
Joint Inspection	:	20% of Retail outlets to be covered in year.
Random Inspection by Officer of "C" Grade and above	:	10% of Retail Outlets to be covered once a year.

In addition, special vigilance drives are also carried out by oil industry both on their own and under directions of the Government from time to time to check malpractices. Under the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, the State Governments have also been empowered to take action and they have been suitably advised from time to time by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas in this regard.

Losses suffered due to fire at Mumbai High

*4243. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fire-incidence was reported on any Mumbai High Platform during the last two months;

(b) if so, the details of damage caused by the fire;

(c) whether that platform is now closed; and

(d) if so, the total loss of revenue to ONGC as a result of its closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has informed that a fire incident occurred on one of the platform "BHF* in Mumbai High North field in Western Offshore on 14.2.2001 at around 1900 hours and physical damage to switch gear

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room, communication room, turbines, other process control related cables, control panel, etc. was observed.

(c) and (d) The platform [44]BHF' is a part of "BHN" process complex of ONGC and the "BHN" complex had been under planned shutdown since 28.1.2001 for revamping works. However, due to the fire incident, there was a temporary ccasure of production from a platform "NQO" located nearby and also curtailment of production from the platforms "BHS" and "SHP". There was a decrease in oil and gas production, estimated to be around 1,10,800 barrels of crude oil and 8.5 Million Metric Square Cubic Meter of gas, and consequently Rs. 7.45 Crores worth of revenue was deferred.

Allocation of Petrol Pumps to permanently disabled soldiers

4244. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 658 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th February, 2001 and state whether Government would consider such quotas for allocations of Petrol Pumps/Gas Agencies to the permanently disabled soldiers of Kargil war?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANG WAR): At present, there is no provision in the Special Scheme for widows/next of kin of Defence personnel killed in action in 'OP Vijay' (Kargil), for allotment of retail outlet dcalcrships/LPG distributorships to the permanently disabled soldiers of the Kargil war.

Financial assistance for special projects to Rajasthan

†4245. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds made available to the State Government of Rajasthan in the financial years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 as grant

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